Dear friends,

We had a fantastic year at the Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts in 2017–2018, and I’m thrilled to share a few highlights with you, the people who made it possible.

We pride ourselves in offering something for everyone in our innovative, unique, entertaining, and diverse performances and exhibitions. I’m particularly pleased at the wide range of performances we presented last season, including music icon and storyteller Roger McGuinn, legends Herb Alpert and Lani Hall, and the charming and captivating Ezralow Dance Company. Artists such as Sonia De Los Santos and TAIKOPROJECT captivated and delighted both public audiences and students in our ARTSReach program. We celebrated our 25th anniversary in the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, and had a year filled with interesting, diverse work that engaged and excited our community.

Your contributions this year provided live performances and museum exhibitions for thousands of people, including schoolchildren from throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties who might not otherwise have access to the arts. On behalf of our staff, our students, and all those we serve—thank you!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Carson
Managing Director

Our mission

The mission of the Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts at Pepperdine University is to present an innovative, unique, entertaining, and diverse program of exceptional performances and museum exhibitions and thus:

1. Enhance the educational experience at the University for all students and to provide a professional laboratory to train students in the arts
2. Foster artistic excellence and creativity
3. Connect Pepperdine University and the richly varied communities of Los Angeles and surrounding communities

50,666 patrons served in 2017–2018

3,547 artists, technicians, and onstage participants

34,402 attendees to performances in Smothers Theatre, Lindhurst Theatre, and Raitt Recital Hall

12,921 attendees to the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art

2,428 Pepperdine University students attending performances, exhibitions, and master classes

4,675 ARTSReach performance attendees

$3,460 worth of tickets donated to 64 deserving nonprofit organizations benefiting arts, education, the local community, and various friends of Pepperdine

1,140 zip codes served
Year in review

August 29–December 10
The California Dreaming exhibition attracts 5,500 visitors to the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art as part of the Museum's 25th anniversary.

September 23–24
The Wixen Music Authentic Voices Festival provides two days of performances by some of the best American songwriting talent, and features a variety of rock, country, blues, and folk artists, such as Andrew Bird, Elizabeth Cook, and Lucinda Williams.

October 1
Center for the Arts hosts its first family performance of the season, Childplay's Go, Dog Go!, along with Family Art Day activities. The Childsplay company performs two ARTSReach shows the following day.

October 22
Grammy-winning trumpeter Herb Alpert and vocalist Lani Hall perform their eclectic mix of jazz, world, and pop music in a sold-out show. Alpert and Hall donate their artist fee from the concert to support the Malibu Urgent Care facility.

November 28
Center for the Arts hosts its annual Holiday Boutique at Sherwood Country Club. The 150 attendees contribute $16,500 to help fund the ARTSReach community outreach program. (Pictured at left)

December 7
Award-winning comedian and Las Vegas icon Rita Rudner brings her acerbic wit to the Smothers stage. (Pictured at left with Lou Drobnick and Jerry Warkans)

“I’ve lived in SoCal for over 50 years and had never been to your venue. So glad I went. Keep up the excellent programming and presentation. We’ll see you again. Bravo!” —Carlos Avila, Facebook
January 17–18
Legendary acoustic guitarist Tommy Emmanuel returns to Pepperdine for two sold-out performances. 
(Pictured with audience member at right)

January 21
Singer-songwriter Carrier Newcomer hosts a master class on creative writing for Pepperdine students.

February 28
Pepperdine Scotland students rehearse Scottish playwright Davey Anderson’s original production The Abode for its world premiere at the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. (Pictured at right)

March 3
Sonia De Los Santos brings multicultural music to two ARTSReach performances, along with Family Arts Fest, a day which features art activities, food trucks, face painting, museum tours, and more. 
(Pictured on cover)

March 7
Tony nominee and Broadway star Jarrod Spector hosts a master class and provides musical theatre instruction to 30 Pepperdine students. (Pictured at right: Jarrod Spector meets with Pepperdine students following his evening performance)

April 17
Center for the Arts hosts a cine-concert event with a screening of The Triplets of Belleville, accompanied by a live band lead by the film’s Oscar-nominated composer, Benoit Charest. (Pictured at right)

“I’ve lived in SoCal for over 50 years and had never been to your venue. So glad I went. Keep up the excellent presentation. We’ll see you again. Bravo!”
Carlos Avila, Facebook
Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

**PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE SPONSORS**

**Performance Sponsors**
William J. Baker  
Andrew K. Benton  
Anne Marie and Mitch Bredefeld  
Crest Associates  
Melanie and Richard Flaminio  
Gregg G. Juarez*  
Bui and Herb Simon  
Gerard Smith  
Billie Milam Weisman  
Lisa Smith Wengler

**Supporting Sponsors**
Melinda and Leo Bunnin  
Michelle and Mark Hiepler  
Ellen and Doug Weitman

**Contributing Sponsors**
Mary L. and Michael F. Adams  
The Anza Hotel  
Rick and Shelley Bayer  
Andry and Debby Benton  
G. Beverly Bergmann  
Kathy and Lou Colombano  
Louis G. Conforti  
Darolyn and Michael Greenhut  
Mary and Tom Hawkins  
Ambassador and Mrs. Glen Holden  
Janet E. Kerr  
Brenda Kitchen  
Marcia and Hank Lawson  
Emil and Sheldon Lodmer  
Laurel and Michael Marion Marmalade Cafe  
Paula and Rick Marrs  
Marnie and Tom Mitze  
Gary and Melissa Oakland  
Nancy and Jeff Pippin  
Diane E. Reilly

**CENTER FOR THE ARTS GUILD SPONSORS**

**Diamond Members**
Jerry Daniels  
Becky and David Johnson  
Emily and Sam Mann  
Karen and Jerry Orefice  
Linda and Alvaro Pascotto  
Amy Jo Runnels  
Walter E. Sherwood  
Billie Milam Weisman

**Platinum Members**
Rebecca Carson and Dan Murphy  
Rosemary and Bernie Ecker  
Carol and Tom Fairbairn  
Phyllis J. Holmes  
Jan and Bob Holstrom  
Karen and Doug Kirk  
Beverly and Stephen Nuccio  
Hal Richards  
Susan and Gary Stephani  
Sharon and Randall Wixen

**Gold Members**
Susie and Jim Cowen  
Ruth E. Crooker  
Barbara and Jack Garrett  
Katherine and Mike Hanssens  
Rosemarie and Gerhard Ihde  
Lisa and Stephen Kujolic  
Marian Lord  
Dean Ronald F. Phillips  
Claudia B. Preston  
Mary Lou and Hans Saeb  
Anita and Steven Segal  
Anne K. Wallace  
Jerry Warkans  
Lynne and Jerome C. Zamarin

*In memoriam*

**Sterling Members**
Diane and Noel Applebaum  
Bonnie B. Bates  
Pearl and William Burns  
Dr. Norman Chapman  
Marcia and Barry Cohn  
Kathie and Lou Drobnick  
Donna and James Garrett  
Jill and Michael Hainkel  
Mark Levy  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Litz  
Sabrina and Daniel Lovett  
Diana and Steve Maiman  
Judith McAllister  
Rebecca and Mark Mushkin  
Susie and Steve Parks  
Marilyn S. Pescok  
Louis Rowell  
Christine Schneider  
Bonnie and Dutch Schulze  
Paula and Steve Schwartz  
Doris and Lewis Shepard  
Stuart Simon  
Kenneth Smith  
Steven and Stacey Stephens  
Alan Sworski  
Mary Ellen and Marshall Waller  
Jane Wykoff

**Silver Members**
Stephanie and Bill Beaizley  
Heidi A. Bernard  
Roxanne and John Chapman  
Michael Darby  
Avery and Pat Falkner  
Dr. Ronald Feinstein  
Gary Felman  
David Fujita  
Agnes and Rick Gibson  
Alexander G. Grissom  
Kara Knack  
Eileen and Sam Lagan  
Jill McWilliams  
Jeessung and Christian Oh  
John Payson  
W. Robert Ramsdell

**Maggie Sheppard**  
**Beverly Taki**  
**Christopher R. Wilson**

**WEISMAN MUSEUM OF ART SPONSORS**
Frederick R. Weisman  
Philanthropic Foundation  
Lia Skidmore and Michael Zakin

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ANGELS**
Kathy Danhakl  
Melanie and Richard Flaminio  
Marjel R. Johnston in memory of Mr. Alan McKinnon

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON EVENT COMMITTEE**
Claudia Arnold Preston  
Linda Beisswanger  
Heidi Bernard  
Lauren Cosentino  
Susie Cowen  
Lou Drobnick  
Dianne Halvorson  
Jan Holstrom  
Lynda Miller  
Marnie Mitze  
Karen Orefice  
Jasmine Runnels  
Susan Stephani  
Anne Wallace  
Lisa Smith Wengler  
Ellen Weitman

This list includes donors to the Center for the Arts at the $100 level and above from 8/1/2017–7/31/2018. Please contact our office at 310.506.4594 with any errors or omissions. Thank you!
Center for the Arts Staff
Rebecca Carson, Managing Director
Rick Aglietti, Technical Director
Monica Chapon, Museum Assistant/Arts Education Coordinator
Valeri Estrada, Events Coordinator/Administrative Assistant
Tyler Flynn, Marketing and Publicity Manager
Tyler Gabbard, Box Office and Patron Communications Manager
Nathan Grater, Production Manager
Dani Lobello, Director of Production
Stewart O’Rourke, Scene Shop Foreman
Paul Vacchiano, Theatre Operations Manager
Michael Zakian, Museum Director

Center for the Arts Student Workers

**Administrative Office**
Melanie Allen
Lauren Jennerjohn

**Student Photographer**
Kira Brown
Kaelin Mendez
Carissa Mosley

**Box Office, Usher, and Front of House Staff**
Citalli Araiza
Mia Bryant
Jordan Buenafe
Mary Buffalo
Jason Byrd
Caitlin Crawley
Alden Dodd-Bettencourt
Julia Donlon
Marisa Dragos
Sophie Emmons
Josias Escobar
Rebecca Franklin
Melanie Greer
Bryce Hanamoto
Rachel Hogan
Kendall Horn
Lauren Jennerjohn
Audrey Mckee
Kaelin Mendez
R.J. Morgan
Karli Mueller
Janice Nyam
Tinashe
Nyamupingidza
Carlie Ott
Samantha Petersen
Simon Pilato

**Center for the Arts Technicians**
Melanie Allen
Logan Brady
Rosina Calandra
James Cannice
Paulina Choi
Nicholas Connolly
Julie Cowger
Caitlin Crawley
Alden Dodd-Bettencourt
Sara Eakman
Sophie Emmons
Cheyenne Gibson
Fernando Grimaldo
Andrew Hernandez
Daniel Hu
Emma Inglehart
Megan Johnston
Danecia Kearney
Cristina Kostin
Katelynn Kutiper
Nathan Labuguen
Alannah Lasiter
Daniela Montoya
Katelyn Pi
Yingyue Qiu
Shaynee Ramasawmy
Brandon Ruiz

**Attendants in the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art**
Jessica Brown
Caroline Busch
Meghan Doyle
Susie Gai
Izabela Garcia-Arce
Genevieve Gourdikian
Monika Haskell
Sara Head
Erinn Heffes
Evan Henderson
Jessica Hibler
Daniel Lee
Marcel Rodriguez
Brandon Ruiz

**Getty Multicultural Undergraduate Intern, Weisman Museum of Art**
Julia Campbell
Mackenna Radunz
Shaynee Ramasawmy
Emily Reichert
Olivia Reins
Nico Renfroe
Madeleine Riddle
Giliene So
Tyler Speed
Sunny Srimoju
Madison Thacker
Garren Weiss
Riley van Velthuyzen
Kathryn Semple
Sanskriti Srimoju
Sydney Swarengin
James Tatsch
Madison Thacker
Nathaniel Thompson
Aidan Turner
Garren Weiss
Matthew Westman
Kaytin Withers
Kyle Wurtz
Huiyi Xue

ARTSReach 2017–2018: Schools Served

Anton Elementary
Beacon Hill Classical Academy
Beethoven Elementary
Bethany Christian School
Blanche Reynolds Elementary
Bridges Charter School
Calvary Christian School
Canyon Charter Elementary
Chaparral Elementary
Clinton Middle School
Community Preparatory Academy
Conejo Valley Homeschoolers
Grant Elementary
Haynes Charter School
Holy Family
iLead Charter
Juan Cabrillo
Lassen Elementary
Marvin Ave Elementary
McKinley Elementary (Santa Monica)
McKinley Elementary (Compton)
NEW Academy Canoga Park
Our Lady of Malibu
Palisades Charter
Point Dume Elementary
PUC Milagro
Rio del Valle
Riverside
Drive
Sierra High School
SMASH
SOCA Art
Stoner Avenue Elementary
Thurgood Marshall

Today’s Fresh Start Charter
Webster Elementary
Westport Heights Elementary

Pepperdine student workers help run various Family Arts Fest activities, March 2018.

Pepperdine student workers help run various Family Arts Fest activities, March 2018.

Today’s Fresh Start Charter
Webster Elementary
Westport Heights Elementary

Today’s Fresh Start Charter
Webster Elementary
Westport Heights Elementary

Today’s Fresh Start Charter
Webster Elementary
Westport Heights Elementary
What our patrons are saying

Reviews and Comments, 2017–2018 Season

SHAWN COLVIN, OCTOBER 11
“So good last night at Pepperdine!”
—@daveroyster, Instagram

KELLIE PICKLER, OCTOBER 21
“What a great artist and fantastic show... Top-notch band— awesome show— so glad my hubby and I went! Thank you for a great night to Kellie and her whole band!”
—Rebecca Hill, Facebook

EZRALOW DANCE COMPANY, JANUARY 10
“I thought it was... amazing how each dance... moved into the next one. And I liked the music...”
—Cynthia Watson, Pepperdine Graphic

“I can’t communicate everything that this show is with words. I’d watch it over and over and over again. The entire team is just a pool of talent and ability that goes beyond me.”
—Clayton Snyder, Pepperdine Graphic

TOMMY EMMANUEL, JANUARY 17 & 18
“Thank you for [such] a great show, and thank you for being such a giving person.”
—Glenn Hendricks, Facebook

CARRIE NEWCOMER CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP, JANUARY 22
“This workshop helped me take note of how... special small moments can be. I also liked how we affirmed... moments of kindness... It is a priceless experience to be able to learn from professionals that otherwise I would probably never be able to learn from in such an intimate setting.”
—Falon Opsahl, Student

PILOBOLUS, JANUARY 25
“The performance... was moving and engaging and showed off the dancers' skill. I loved it!”
—Survey response

THE FOUR FRESHMEN, JANUARY 28
“It was a great show and the audience loved [them]. Hope you can [have them] play again.”
—Nancy Barbour

MANDY HARVEY, JANUARY 30
“... the whole concert [was] amazing!”
—Joan Considine Johnson, Facebook

“She was wonderful!”
—Charlene Smiley, Facebook

“What an extraordinary talent we got to witness... Independent of any discussion of what she has lost, is what the world has found with her [incredible] presence. She was inspirational and insanely talented.”
—Russell Geyser, Malibu Surfside News

BRANDON RIDENOUR, TRUMPET & PETER DUGAN, PIANO, FEBRUARY 11
“It was very polished; their charisma and the way they spoke — their eloquence and the way they made themselves accessible and enjoyable to the audience.”
—Chad Skopp, Pepperdine Graphic

JARROD SPECTOR MASTER CLASS, MARCH 7
“I truly loved this master class with Jarrod and Kelli. They were absolutely incredible and so passionate in... wanting us to succeed. Both of them were... so knowledgable when it came to musical theatre... I truly feel that their feedback was... incredibly helpful for all of us.”
—Audrey McKee, Student

TAIKO PROJECT, MARCH 22
“This is a great show! I enjoyed every minute!”
—@drummergrrl, Instagram

“I loved the narration over some of the performances. I thought it not only added a fun, comedic element, but it also was very informative in helping me understand more about Japanese culture.”
—Danielle Kite, Pepperdine Graphic

“It definitely has modern sensibilities. What TAIKO PROJECT does really well is they use traditional training but give it accessibility to an audience that might be interested in taiko but doesn’t know anything about taiko.”
—Bevin Chan, Pepperdine Graphic

SONIA DE LOS SANTOS, MARCH 2
“Thank you for another great season of experiential learning... My class and the parents who joined us, loved today's concert by Sonia de los Santos. They loved the dance party environment and easy-to-dance-to rhythms.”
—Marsi Gore, Bridges Charter School

MEDEA, APRIL 4–7
“I thought it was... fantastic. Heart break, vengeance, justice... immigrants in a foreign land; these themes are all super relevant in America in 2018.”
—Will Perrin, Pepperdine Graphic

Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts
Pepperdine University
24255 Pacific Coast Hwy • Malibu, CA 90263
310.506.4594 • arts.pepperdine.edu